

Deputies' Meeting

Friday, 7 November 1952

PRESENT: General Smith, Messrs. Dulles, Wisner, Wolf, Amory, [redacted]

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General Smith:

a. Noted that Brig. General John Ackerman, Office of the Director of Intelligence, USAF, had shown him photographs of certain areas and stated our interested operational people should contact him. Mr. Amory reported that some of his subordinates had been in touch with representatives of A-3 on this same subject; however, there appeared to be a "war" going on between A-2 and A-3 over funds for continuation of the project set up to obtain these photographs. The Director noted that if such was the case Ackerman was, in all probability, seeking our support for A-2. [redacted] is talking to Ackerman on this. It is back on the track.

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Mr. Dulles (Cont'd.)

c. Briefly reported on the discussion held at the NSC Senior Staff meeting yesterday and noted that the Director might receive a call from Secretary Lovett. After some discussion, the Director stated we did not make estimates to support departmental positions. After some further discussion regarding a letter Secretary Acheson had sent to [redacted] Mr. Amory recommended and received approval for [redacted] to secure what information it could on the tanker situation. The Director noted that ONI should be able to give us a good deal of assistance on this matter and asked Mr. Amory to follow through on this with [redacted] and furnish the Department of State all of the information we could obtain on the tanker picture.

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Mr. Wolf:

a. Noted that the proposed Executive Order authorizing the medal discussed at yesterday's Deputies' Meeting was going forward to the Bureau of the Budget for approval and coordination prior to presentation to the President for final approval. The Director stated we should push this along as fast as possible.

b. Reported he would have the final draft on proposed changes to our legislation for the DCI's approval on 10 November.

Mr. Wisner:

a. Referred to the discussion at yesterday's Deputies' Meeting concerning [redacted] and asked the Director if he had an opportunity to discuss this matter with Under Secretary Bruce. The Director replied that he had not and now believed it might be best to delay discussion of this matter until after the return of Mr. Foster.

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